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POLICY DESCRIPTION FORM

Department/Group:	partment/Group: Public Health/H		Budget Code:		AAA CCS	
Title: Restoration of California Children's Services Administrative Positions						
PRIORITY: Rank 2 of 2 FUNDING: Full Year ☑ Other □ Months ITEM STATUS: Restoration ☑ Program Change □ Workload □ OPERATIONAL AND/OR FISCAL IMPACT: Clearly explain the impact on services (attach additional pages if required)						
See Attached						Ongoing
APPROPRIATIONS Salaries & Benefits (attach additional page if required)			2003-04		2004-05	
			\$	637,632	\$	701,395
CLASSIFICATIONS						
Budgeted Staff	<u>Title</u>	Amount	_			
	ilerk II	108,456				
	inancial interviewers	59,805				
	ublic Health Nurses hysician Consultant	375,669 58,381				
	upvg PHN	35,321				
Services & Supplies						
Other (specify)						
Equipment						
FIXED ASSETS						
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Reimbursements (specify)						
		Tot	tal: <u>\$</u>	637,632	\$	701,395
REVENUE (specify source) State and Federal				539,176		593,095
Realignment				49,228		54,150
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		Tot	tal: <u>\$</u>	588,404	\$	647,245
		LOCAL CO	ST \$	49,228	\$	54,150

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Positions are currently vacant because of two reasons (1) there is no physical space (currently in process) for them and, (2) some of the positions are hard to recruit e.g. Public Health Nurses. Vacancies within CCS fall into one of two component areas: the Administrative component and the Medical Therapy Program (MTP) component. Each of these components is funded differently. The administrative component of CCS provided intensive case management only, as per State guidelines. As soon as a San Bernardino County resident is eligible for CCS services, the CCS program is required to provide those services to that child. These positions are required to meet State staffing guidelines based on current caseload of 10,400 (4/29/03). The State Children Medical Services Division reserves the right not to fund any CCS program that does not meet the State staffing standard.

A Public Health Nurse (PHN) is required for every 400 cases and to complement every PHN, one Financial Interviewer and 0.5 FTE of a Clerk II position are required. Additionally, 2.25 FTE Pediatricians are required for a caseload 9,001 – 10,500.

Funding for all positions within the CCS administrative budget category is as follows: 84.56% Medi-Cal; the remaining 15.44% is divided equally between the State and the County. As a result 7.72% is San Bernardino County's responsibility. The funding sources for the County's 7.72% share is 50% from realignment and 50% from the General Fund. Additionally, for FY 2003/2004, the CCS program would be reimbursed for all administrative cost for Healthy Families clients with special health care needs that we case manage. The percentage of Healthy Families cases of the CCS caseload is approximately 9%. Actual figures for reimbursement are being negotiated currently between the State CCS and Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) but it is anticipated that the same formula that is currently used for Medi-Cal would be instituted. When this is realized, the County's share of the total administrative budget for CCS would be less than the current 7.72%.

When the State CCS approved our FY 02/03 budget they did so by funding all of the current vacant positions. The understanding was that we needed this level of staffing to meet the minimum State staffing requirements in order to deliver the appropriate level of care for all of CCS clients. There is no other entity to provide care for the CCS population since Medi-Cal pays us to provide the requisite care for all Medi-Cal clients with special health care needs, Healthy Families will do so for theirs and the State pays 50% of case management and care for our caseload that is neither Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.